

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Having power of attorney in the above-identified application, it is noted that the correspondence address has not been properly updated. Please direct all future correspondence to the proper correspondence address shown at the end of this response. This request is courteously repeated at the end of the Remarks section. Thank you.

Claims 1, 2 and 4, 5 are indicated by the Examiner as allowable subject matter and remain in the case.

The applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 by Examiner Tho Dac Ta.

A petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and payment thereof for a one month extension is attached hereto, as the office action being responded to had a shortened statutory period for reply of two months from the date of mailing.

1. Entry of the RCE is noted and appreciated.

2-3. The Examiner has objected under 35 U.S.C. 132 to the amendments to the specification that were included in the last amendment after final that was submitted. As best can be determined, the Examiner has requested that all of the amendments made regarding the raised portion (to the specification) must be canceled as part of this reply. Accordingly, this has been accomplished and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

4-5. The Examiner has indicated that remaining claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are allowed. Thank you. The reasons for allowable subject matter are noted and appreciated, as well.

6. It is noted that application is in condition of allowance except for formal matters and that prosecution on the merits is closed. A 2-month shortened statutory period is also noted.

As all remaining claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are admitted to be in condition of allowance, a notice of allowance is courteously requested at the earliest time.

7. Opportunities to contact the Examiner are appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted,

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